



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In application of:
John M. Murphy et al.

Serial No.: 10/699,471

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For: Surgical Instrument with Adjustable Rotary
Cutting Tool and Method of Cutting

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Group Art Unit: 3731

Examiner: Neal, Timothy J.

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Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner of Patents
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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO
OFFICE ACTION MAILED JULY 11, 2006**

I. Introductory Comments

The present paper is being submitted in response to the Office Action mailed July 11, 2006.

A one-month extension of time is necessary for consideration of this paper, and a Petition for Extension of Time is attached, along with a check in the amount of \$120.00 for the fee due. No other fees are believed necessary for consideration of the present paper. However, if any fees, including extension of time fees are necessary, the extension of time is hereby requested, and the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, including those for the extension of time, to Haynes and Boone, LLP's Deposit Account No. 08-1394.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 6 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawing(s) begin on page 8 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.